

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, libraries are the heart of their communities, campuses and schools; and

WHEREAS, librarians work to meet the changing needs of their communities, including providing resources for everyone and bringing services outside of library walls; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians bring together community members to enrich and shape the community and address local issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained, tech-savvy professionals, providing technology training and access to downloadable content like e-books; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer programs to meet community needs, providing residents with resume writing classes, homework help, and financial planning services for teens applying for student loans and older adults planning for their retirement; and

WHEREAS, last year at its three libraries – Velma Teague, Foothills, and Main - the Glendale Public Library system had 762,000 visitors, circulated more than 2.1 million items, had 3.7 million visits to its website, had 85,505 cardholders, and provided approximately 815 free community programs to encourage literacy, resume building, and access to life-long learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry Weiers, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 14 through 20, 2013, as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

and encourage all residents to visit the Glendale Public Library and take advantage of the wonderful resources available.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of April, 2013.